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Sikkim	0 10	14.11	16 22
Bihar	20 12	1572 51	1875.53
Orissa	17.32	93 11	112 801
West Bengal	18 93	4573 09	5485.29
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0.05	8.24	9.51
Madhya Pradesh	17.38	1913 29	2334.91
Uttar Pradesh	34.74	4259.32	4882.73
Gujarat	12.26	3088 38	3528.79
Maharashtra	24.31	14216.38	15548.60
Goa, Daman & Diu	1 04	243 50	269 49
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.03	4 12	4 32
Andhra Pradesh	46 03	3971 17	4686 92
Karnataka	33 19	3729 78	4622 86
Kerala	29.50	2253.05	2671 49
Tamil Nadu	39 12	4329.39	6342.72
Pondicherry	0 85	71 81	91 13
Lakshadweep	0 01	1 08	1.07
TOTAL	336·11	57974 11	66672 9\

Memorandum submitted by Punjab Khet Mazdoor Union

@2505. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE. Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Punjab Khet Mazdoor Union had recently submitted a memorandum to the Governor of Punjab regarding some of their important demands;

(b) if so, what are their demands and the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Punjab Khet Mazdoor Union had repeatedly requested for a discussion on the charter of demands contained in their memorandum; and

(d) if so, whether the Government of Punjab have agreed to discuss the demands with the Union, if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The demands are as follows:

1. Amendments to be carried out in Agrarian Reforms Act, 1972.
2. Distribution of evacuee Government Banjar and Nazool Land
3. Plots for homeless at appropriate places.
4. Increase in wages.
5. Loan facilities for poor.
6. Pensions for old people and widows.
7. More welfare schemes.

@Previously Unstarred Question 2091 transferred from the 27th November, 1987

8. Streamlining the Distribution System in regard to necessities of life, etc.

As reported by the Government of Punjab, a decision has been taken to give proprietary rights in rural evacuee lands to occupants subject to certain conditions. As regards other demands the Government of Punjab is seized of the matter.

(c) According to the facts reported by the Government of Punjab, it is not so.

(d) Does not arise in view of the answer to (c) above.

National Wage Policy

2506. SHRI P N SUKUL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made towards formulation of a national wage policy; and

(b) by when the policy is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The question of formulation of a national wage policy has been considered from time to time at various forums The matter was discussed in the meeting of Group of State Labour Ministers on 23rd September, 1985 and the majority view was that it may not be feasible to formulate the national wage policy at this stage In the Indian Labour Conference held on 25-26 November, 1985, it was decided that till such time a national minimum wage is feasible, it would be desirable to have a regional minimum wage in regard to which the Central Government may lay down the guidelines. These guidelines have been circulated in July, 1987

Allocation of funds for wildlife protection in Madhya Pradesh

2507. SHRI AJIT P. K JOGI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount earmarked for wildlife protection in Madhya Pradesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(b) what is the amount released so far for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Central Government funds for wildlife protection are not earmarked Statewise.

(b) Rs 106.87 lakhs have been released so far by Government of India to Madhya Pradesh during the Seventh Plan period.

Social Forestry in Madhya Pradesh

2508. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the work on social forestry in Madhya Pradesh has almost come to a standstill because of lack of funds after the foreign aid given for this purpose was withdrawn;

(b) if so, whether the plantation target of each forest division under social forestry has been reduced to a few hundred acres per year as a result thereof; and

(c) whether any additional grants will be given for the aforesaid programme so that the important work of social forestry does not suffer in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z R ANSARI): (a) It is not true that the work on social forestry in Madhya Pradesh has come to a standstill because of lack of funds after the discontinuance of the externally aided social forestry project from the year 1987-88 Currently the social forestry works are being implemented in Madhya Pradesh from funds provided under Centrally Sponsored/Central Sector Schemes of NWDB and Rural Development Department and State Sector Schemes. The year-wise allocation of funds for afforestation